

VIRGINIA: At a Regular Meeting of the Bland County Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County Courthouse located in Bland, Virginia, on the twenty-third day of August 2005, 5:00 p.m., the following duly elected and qualified members were present or absent.

PRESENT: John C. Thompson, Karen H. Hodock, Jason R. Ramsey, Henry M. Blessing

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator, Carol Hall, Deputy Administrator, Frank Slavin, County Attorney; Wayne Quesenberry, The Bland Messenger;

CONTINUED MEETING OPENED AND CLOSED

Chairman John Thompson opened the continued meeting of July 28, 2005 noting the meeting was not held due to no quorum present and then closed the July 28th meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman John Thompson called the regular monthly meeting of August 23, 2005 to order.

INVOCATION

The invocation was offered by Supervisor, Jason Ramsey.

PLEDGE TO FLAG

Chairman Thompson led the pledge alliance to the flag.

AUGUST 23, 2005 MEETING AGENDA APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the August 23, 2005 meeting agenda was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

*****MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which consist of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 26, 2005, Continued Meeting of July 28, 2005, July 2005 bills in the amount of \$238,010.17, July 31, 2005 and August 16, 2005 payrolls totaling \$132,145.47, reports from the Sheriff, Animal Control, Building Official, Public Works, E-911 Coordinator, Meals/Lodging and Recycling was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed unanimously.

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Resident Engineer, Frank Phipps updated the Board to include: Rt. 622 paving project to be complete; Rt. 644 bridge work is continuing; Rt. 612 estimate under Rural Rustic Concept come in to be \$520,000.00; Rt. 612 project with a 40 feet ROW could cost approximately \$900,000.00.

Kay Austin, Bastian resident approached the Board and VDOT on the request of guardrail off Rt. 52 in Bastian for protection of a sink hole.

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS

Kristina K. Morris, Coordinator appeared before the Board with a presentation of the Southwest Virginia Medical Reserve Corps who are volunteer health care professionals trained to respond to local disasters or community members willing to respond during emergencies.

SOCIAL SERVICES REPORT APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the June 2005 Social Services report in the amount of \$40,774.92 with the local allotment of \$6,117.52 was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

SCHOOLS REQUISITION AND REQUESTS APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate the Bland County School Board's September 2005 Requisition in the amount of \$750,000.00; approve the June 30th, July 25th & July 28th Meeting Minutes; and to approve the Check Register(s) for the month of June and July 2005 was made by Jason Ramsey, seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

*****MOTION to transfer and appropriate \$82,949.15 from LGIP to the schools 05-06 budget for the final payment of the new facility located on the ballfield as requested was made by Jason Ramsey, seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

County Treasurer JoAnn Shewey presented an explanation of the monthly report received by the Board.

RECREATIONAL COMMITTEE APPROVES PROPOSAL FOR ROCKY GAP PARK

Representative Randy Moler appeared with the recommendations of the Recreational Committee on the construction of a picnic building at the Rocky Gap Park. *****MOTION to proceed with the plans of a 32x44 picnic shelter at the Rocky Gap Park staying within the budget with the County Administrator as administrator of the funds, purchase the Rocky Gap Park sign (\$400) and paid for from the funds allotted for the Rocky Gap Park and purchase the remaining signs (\$1600) to be paid for from within the 05-06 recreational department budget was made by Jason Ramsey, seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Frank Slavin, County Attorney advised the Board of the final order entered August 23, 2005 regarding the Thompson suit.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kay Austin, Bastian resident appeared before the Board with the request of a waiver on the quarterly garbage collection fee charged to her since she has a rented dumpster upon her property.

Gale Case, Bland resident spoke to the Board with a complaint of a commercial vehicle being parked in a residential area running the refrigerator units overnight. The County Administrator was directed to look into the matter and report at the next meeting.

APPOINTMENTS

Economic Development Authority (EDA)

Appointments were tabled until the September 2005 meeting.

Southwest Regional Enterprise Center (SREC)

*****MOTION to reappoint Jonathan Sweet to the SREC for a four (4) year term to expire 12-31-2008 and David Dillow to the SREC for a two (2) year term to expire 9-30-2007 was made by Jason Ramsey, seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

BASTIAN CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY WAIVER OF FEE APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the waiver of a building permit fee for a mobile home as requested by the Bastian Church of God of Prophecy was made by Henry Blessing, seconded by Jason Ramsey.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

TYNES CHAPEL CHURCH WAIVER OF FEE APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the waiver of a building permit fee as requested by the Tynes Chapel Church in Rocky Gap was made by Karen Hodock, seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

MOUNT ROGERS COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION SERVICES FY 2006 PERFORMANCE CONTRACT

*****MOTION to approve the Mount Rogers Community Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services FY 2006 Performance Contract was made by Karen Hodock, seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

NATIONAL FOREST COUNTIES AND SCHOOLS COALITION'S STATEMENT OF SUPPORT APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the Statement of Organizational Support for the National Forest Counties and Schools Coalition (NTCSC) Principles and send a copy to our congressman was made by Henry Blessing, seconded by Karen Hodock.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

WIMMER PROPERTY EXECUTE OPTION AGREEMENT

*****MOTION to proceed with the purchase of the Lois Wimmer property, tax map parcel #91-A2-2-5B, \$1000.00 was paid for the option with the payment remainder of \$38,999.00 was made by Jason Ramsey, seconded by Karen Hodock.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, no; Jason Ramsey, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed

ZONING AMENDMENT – STORAGE YARD, CONTRACTOR, WITH C.U.P.

Topic tabled.

TOURISM INITIATIVE UPDATE

The County Administrator advised the Board of the \$800,000.00 awarded for the County's Tourism Initiative spearheaded by Congressman Boucher's office, the \$60,000.00 (80 – 20 match) awarded for the Henry Groseclose Trailhead and the award of \$120,000.00 to the Ceres Alumni for improvements to the George Peery Building.

VICTIM WITNESS

Judy Cassell, Victim Witness Director, appeared before the Board with an explanation of and the purpose of the County's Victim Witness Program and the number of victims being served.

WHITAKER C.U.P. PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Chairman Mr. Thompson opened the public hearing stating the purpose was to receive public comment on the Conditional Use Permit application of Mr. Jack Whitaker to conduct Auto Sales upon the current Commercial zoned tract of property located on Rt. 52, West of I-77 in the Rocky Gap area.

Jack Whitaker, owner, outlined his plans to sell and finance in house used cars upon his property in Rocky Gap. Mr. Whitaker stated that he would be employing three employees, six days per week with the operating hours of nine to dark.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Randy Moler, Ceres resident inquired as to washing or repairs being performed upon the site.

Mr. Whitaker responded that no washing or repairs would be performed upon the site and the lot would be paved.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

The public hearing was closed.

WHITAKER CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the Conditional Use Permit (C.U.P.) application of Mr. Jack Whitaker upon his property, tax parcel #24-A-1-B-1, to operate a commercial automobile sales business as permitted in Sec. 62-242, (25) with the condition that he comply to state, local and federal law was made by Karen Hodock, seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

CONTINUANCE

This meeting was continued until 7:00 p.m., September 19, 2005 for the purpose of a Public Hearing on the application of Daniel Chupp.

John C. Thompson, Chairman

Jonathan Sweet, County Administrator